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METHYLATION DIFFERENCES

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Sir:

This is in response to a final Office Action dated 20 August 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 22 February 2005 (Monday, 21 February 2005 being a national holiday). A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed.

Additionally, a REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is attached hereto, along with the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: